Infant Mortality

It Takes a Village: Giving Our Babies the Best Chance

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What is Infant Mortality?

- "The death of a baby before his or her first birthday…" "after being born alive." [1,2]

Did you know?

- Pacific Islanders have the highest infant mortality rate in Utah, along with Blacks/African Americans.[3]

- For every 1,000 babies born, we lose 9.[3]

- This is double the rate of other Utah communities.[3]

What are the Leading Causes of Infant Mortality among NHPIs in Utah?[4]

1. Perinatal conditions or conditions during the time of and around pregnancy (56%)

2. Birth defects or problems that "happen while a baby is developing in the [womb]" (13%)[5]

3. Medical conditions of the infants (13%)

4. Accidents (10%)

What are Perinatal Conditions?

- "A maternal or infant condition related to pregnancy or delivery"[6]

  Examples
  - Preterm birth
  - Low birth weight

What is Preterm Birth?

- Infants "… born at less than 37 weeks."[3]

  Preterm birth is also known as[7]
  - Preterm baby
  - Premature birth
  - Premature baby
  - Preemie
  - Prematurity

Did you know?

- Pacific Islanders have one of the highest infant preterm birth rates in Utah.[3]

- More than 1 in 10 of our babies are born too early.[3]

- "Preterm birth is the leading cause of … death in otherwise normal newborns."[3]

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